



BARNSTABLE RECREATION DIVISION

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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

8 April 2013

Commission Members Present: Joe O'Brien, Chairperson, Richard Sawyer, Rene King, Kathy Pina and Kevin Turner

Commission Members Absent: Clyde Takala, Vice-Chairperson and Steve Mele

The meeting was called to order at 5:34PM, roll call was taken. **Richard Sawyer** requested Osterville Bay be added to March 4 minutes. **Kathy Pina** asked if comments and statements can be combined and condensed in the minutes, the response was yes. **Kevin Tuner** motioned that March 4 minutes be approved as amended, **Richard Sawyer** second, all in favor.

Public Comment - NONE

Staff Report, Joe Izzo -handouts given (see attached) **Joe Izzo** stated March had been a very busy month at the HYCC. Hosted two state tournaments, first weekend in March Barnstable Youth Hockey; second weekend hosted the 11th annual Women's Hockey East Championship; third weekend the Lobster Pot Tournament. Rousing success all around. Now looking forward to April, first handout shows the Cape Cod Nature Expo that will be held in the Butler Rink. Amy Harwood spearheaded this idea and we are hoping it becomes an annual event. On April 26, 200 students from Barnstable United will be coming for the Expo and then on Saturday 27 it will be open to the public, admission being \$5.00. **Joe Izzo** stated that the Friday Night Rock skating will be a Family Skate night with different themes, want to try to get more families into the building. We have a lot of activities planned for the last quarter of the year. **Kathy Pina** stated she would like to recommend a night for different nationalities, so they can come and show off their music and ethnicities. **Rene King** stated that with the Casual Gourmet planning on coordinating food around the nights all ready, they could do so with Kathy's idea, thinks it is a great idea, also ask the families what other family type themed events they would like to attend. **Kevin Turner** stated on March 17 Barnstable Youth Basketball Tournament was also held at the HYCC, it was mayhem but it was a great time, all the folks coming through the facility were saying how lucky we are to have this. Well organized, it was controlled chaos, great job. **Joe Izzo** stated thank you and the staff did a great job. Discussion followed. **Joe O'Brien** stated want to echo Kevin's sentiments. People were happy, big smiles on faces.

Richard Sawyer requested we go out of order since the Town Manager is here. **Joe O'Brien** stated so moved.

Recreation Facility & Field Report Review, Tom Lynch – **Tom** thanked the Commission for their efforts with this information. The Town Council agreed to CIP funding last week. First item is the Osterville Bay Community Center, appropriated \$200,000, \$180,000 for interior work and \$20,000 for design work to stabilize the building. The CPC \$27,000 to look at the fields, Osterville discussing conceptually what they

would like to see on the fields. An RFP has been put out on the street, went out March 24 with a response date of April 24. Hope to get three different design proposals that we could evaluate. Personally think we should have that structure there, with new flooring it might change the nature of the activities there. Second area looked at and we received funding for was \$115,000 for beach facility planning and design. Like to do more than just the Centerville facility, if possible. Do something like Sandy Neck would be quite an improvement. More solid estimates would be appreciated when putting in for funds. Third we received design money for, \$101,000, was the Lombard Field have a whole host of items that need improvements. Finally the Town Council approved \$500,000 for the renovations of three tennis courts sites. Osterville Bay, Barnstable/W Barnstable and Cotuit. This is construction money. We have a draft for requests of interest for the Marstons Mills school site; know through this Commission the Little League has interest in the fields and possibly the building. Working close with Civic group. First bid got no interest, now we have housing, civic association themselves showing interest. Be incumbent for folks who are interested in the fields to try to work with anyone who might come out of the wood work and partner with them. Beginning of the Capital improvement plan. We will out of General Fund monies, upwards of \$7 million a year capital improvements to our facilities, fields etc, over the next five years. For FY14 budget HR will cover recertification for Red Cross. Looking to open Craigville Beach at 7AM, **Patti Machado** has all ready prepared a budget for this. Also interested in your feedback on raising the beach sticker fee to \$35.00 will help to cover these increased costs as well as some of the capital costs. When we put design money in it is anticipated, and I think Town Council understands this, we put actual building funds in the next year. It is a pattern we have followed in past years. We have a good working relationship with CPC and Recreation Commission, so I think we can dovetail where ever we need. Eight of the nine items on your report have been addressed to some degree, don't plan on backing off. **Richard Sawyer** stated very pleased, not totally. What about the skate park and Lopes field, was there a discussion in your group? **Tom Lynch** stated not on the skate park did some clearing behind the skate park, we can look at that for operating capital. Thought we could combine all fields, got too big, if we can use some of the design money for other fields we will. **Richard Sawyer** asked if improvements at Craigville include the Best Buddies parking lot. **Tom** stated no, we do not own that lot. In conversation with them about improvements there; just hasn't worked out yet. **Kevin Turner** asked what guidance would you give us for Little League regarding looking for fields, are we better off asking them to look elsewhere. **Tom Lynch** stated can you accommodate them at any other fields? Would not rule out Marstons Mills School, might take a little longer than they want. **Rene King** thanked **Tom** for the response to our report and also would like to see continued participation from our communities as we go forward with our improvement plans. Discussion followed. **Tom Lynch** stated **Mr. Chair** if you have someone you would like to assign to the design committee to report back on what their seeing, we can accommodate that through **Lynne Poyant** and **Patti Machado**. Town Council was very generous and attentive to our needs, your tour was very helpful in accomplishing this. **Joe O'Brien** stated that he thought monies would be available for playground equipment at Veterans Beach. **Lynne Poyant** stated the money for Veterans is for picket tables and grills not the playground; the playground will need to covered at another time. **Richard Sawyer** stated is the town committed to maintenance. **Tom** stated absolutely, not going to build without the appropriate maintenance built in. Not just maintenance but operation. **Joe O'Brien** stated that the Little League is very interested in the Marstons Mills School location and they are taking a wait and see attitude about the RFC process before making a decision. Discussion followed. **Richard Sawyer** stated Osterville Bay is an under used facility, it is locked all the time. **Tom Lynch** stated we have talked about making the key more available, we are getting ideas from the town. **Lynne Poyant** stated the facility is used regularly; the problem is the condition of the building prevents it from being used more. **Patti Machado** stated could almost guarantee we could fill that location. When first opened, packed all the time.

Best Buddies, Bill Sykes – Patti Machado stated went over issues with **Bill** at our meeting, we came up with a compromise that should work out OK. **Bill Sykes** stated Best Buddies prepared to pay the fees submitted. We would like to take the big tent down on Sunday and pay to use the lot for Sunday. On a tighter schedule this year. Meeting with tent people to make sure holes are repaired. **Joe O'Brien** asked any abutter issues this year. **Bill** stated all ready in contact with abutter from last year, keeping them up to date on all activity. Lynne Poyant stated tent staying up is a problem, Town Manager is looking to keep Craigville open 7AM-7PM. **Patti** stated your talking the Best Buddies lot, we have never had a problem with the other lot, last year it was a weather situation, which was very unusual. **Patti Machado** stated this is why we would like to have the race preseason so that it doesn't impact us. **Patti** stated thought it was made clear we would not be able to give another day. Discussion followed. **Bill Sykes** stated we will take it down Saturday night. **Joe O'Brien** stated parking same set up? **Bill** stated yes, shuttle in and out. Increased security presence. **Patti** stated great job. **Joe** asked sanitation all taken care of? **Bill Sykes** stated yes. **Richard Sawyer** stated find you very accommodating and appreciate that. **Bill** stated thank you it is a very important event and important we maintain our relationships with the town. Discussion followed. **Bill Sykes** asked how will we pay for this, will you send us an invoice. **Patti Machado** stated yes, \$1000 for each parking lot and \$3 a person, same set up as for the Triathlon. **Joe O'Brien** stated great partnership and you run a classy event. **Bill** stated 10th year doing this, way bigger and sells out now, money raised is incredible. Think it has been a great partnership. **Joe** stated when issues do arise you address them right away and we greatly appreciate that.

Staff Report, Patti Machado – handouts given (see attached).

A. Administration

- a. Winter Video – Program staff, played for Recreation Commission, put together by Sarah Beal and John Gleason.
- b. Massachusetts's Recreation and Parks Association Conference, we hosted the conference, Debra Dagwan gave welcoming speech. Largest group ever, almost 300 participants, went to the HYCC and they enjoyed the facility. DPW is removing pieces from the skate park deemed unsafe; we are encouraging the kids to come out for a work day.

B. Spring Recreation Programs

- a. Summer Leisure Program Registration – Centerville Elm. Only site full, way up and beyond all ready for sign ups.
- b. Patriot' Run – Hathaway's April 15th – See flyer, at High School instead, easier for parents to see their runner.
- c. Easter Extravaganza – Great Event, Melanie Van Kleeck did an outstanding job.

C. Aquatics

- a. Cape & Island Beach Manager's Association, deciding where competition will be, shark issue new signs being planned and posted.
- b. Lifeguard Tryouts – April 6th and May 4th. losing some good staff to the National Seashore, they offer housing and their rate of pay is higher. Staff looks good. Facebook doing throw back Thursday, putting old pictures up.
 - i. Senior Center – 8:30am-11am, **Joe O'Brien** stated why are tryouts not held at HYCC. **Patti** stated we need about five rooms, for interviews, testing, etc. Not available at the HYCC.
 - ii. YMCA – 12:30 – 3:30pm

CPC Report, Richard Sawyer – None

New Business – Rene King stated two upcoming Zumbathon’s, April 27th, Senior Center, 2-4PM for Special Olympics and May 11, HYCC, Sturgis Key Club, a fundraiser to send a family from the Cape to a cancer camp, 2-4PM, two great events and expect more to come.

Old Business – Joe O’Brien stated would like to reiterate that the Marstons Mills Fields Subcommittee consensus is to take a wait and see attitude towards the RFP process while still keeping an eye out for other field complex availability for Barnstable Little League. Process probably completed by late spring maybe by middle of May. **Kevin Turner** stated Little League should be made aware of this decision. **Joe** stated that Little League was part of this decision, contacted them after meeting with Tom Lynch, on March 15th. Discussion followed. **Kevin** stated if anyone is interested in serving on a design committee email **Joe O’Brien**.

Joe stated May 6th agenda, back in the selectmen’s conference room, we will have Bob Lister, Jaime Linnell and any other issues that come up. Richard stated he will be away for May meeting.

Kevin Turner made motion to adjourn **Richard Sawyer** second, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:52PM.

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Respectfully submitted by **Michele Arigo**, Recreation Division.